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AN ENGAGEMENT.

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SYNOPSIS.

Arnold Hopetoun, a clerk on a small salary in the foreign office at London, is engaged to be married to handsome Bella Carstairs, who, with her mother, is obliged to keep up appearances in very reduced circumstances. Bella believes that she will get a good position in the foreign office when she gets a more lucrative position which his influential uncle, Lord Drillingham, has promised to obtain for him. Lord Drillingham neglects the matter and Arnold is left to his fate. He and his cousin Kate, Lord Drillingham's daughter, pretend to be engaged, with the idea of increasing his uncle's interest in obtaining an appointment. She consents and he goes down to Deercourt to arrange the matter with Kate. Kate agrees, Drillingham approves of the engagement, and bestir himself about the appointment. He obtains the offer of an important position in Canada, but Bella refuses to go to Canada. Kate calls on Bella and endeavors to persuade her, but in vain. Kate is piqued, realizes that she loves Arnold and determines to win him from Bella.

PART V.
He did not return to town on the morning, although he had intended doing so. He did not return on the next day but one. He remained at Deercourt a week, in fact, and during the week he discovered an astonishing truth, he discovered that he did not want to marry Miss Carstairs at all.

Had Kate fulfilled her vow, or had destiny fulfilled it for her? In either case Hopetoun was in love with her, and fiercely, desperately.

The scene in the yellow drawing room that she provoked him—she had refrained from teasing him any more, but the recollection stayed with him, nevertheless, and in moments he was angered with himself, both for having strayed into his present fickleness of mind and for having omitted to kiss her as he threatened.

However, loving his cousin or not, he was in honor bound to Bella, and fifty times he determined to leave Deercourt at once, and broke his resolution before the train started. He had no intention of confessing his weakness, and he was frightened that Kate might suspect it. He did not want to leave her, he did not want to be false to Bella. His condition was, in a word, unenviable.

One afternoon he decided absolutely to go. He had smoked a cigarette and had since breakfast and thrashed the thing completely out.

"If I stay any longer," said Hopetoun to himself, "I shall assuredly end by telling her I'm fond of her. That I shall be fond of her here or there is true enough, but away from her I may recover my reason."



Hopetoun goes to the dogs.

son, at the present stage, and if I stop, I shall get to care for her so infernally that I shall do nothing for myself. I shall take absurd inspiration of mine! I'll never play with fire again as long as I live!"

She was in the grounds, lying in a hammock, and he went to her and said, "Kate, he said, 'I'm going back to town tonight.'"

"Oh," she said, "are you?"

"Yes," said Hopetoun, "so be nice to me this afternoon and put your book down."

"What am I to do then?"

"What beautiful weather we're having," "Don't be irritating," he said, "talk properly."

"About yourself, I suppose you mean. That's always an interesting subject to a boy."

"A boy, how old are you, Kate—forty?"

"Forty years older than you, I sometimes think."

"I remember you," he said, musingly, "when you were a pinafore and open-work socks, and used to make yourself sticky at dessert."

"I can't trust."

"You were a nice girl then. You've altered."

"Yes, I'm nicer."

"Nicer," he remarked, "is a feminine word which you once informed me, may mean many things. Nicer, the comparative, I know not."

"Nicer? Well, I am 'nicer' All is said."

"Are you really going to forsake us tonight?"

"After dinner. I'll go up by the 9:15."

"Why?"

"Oh," he said, "I have to! Shall you miss me?"

"Yes, I suppose we shall all miss you. But the Hawksley are coming next week, and the Kingstons. The house will be full directly. Do you know Percy Kingston?"

"I believe I've met him. A pink man, with a single eye and a peruncular countenance in his buttonhole."

"I should not describe him like that. He's very clever."

"Oh, is he? Is he coming, too?"

"Yes, of course, and his sisters, Emmie and Adelaide, and papa expects one or two people who may be useful to you."

"Ho," he said, "but why do you ask if I'd met Percy Kingston? You aren't?"

"Don't be so ridiculous," she murmured, "I don't get a question like that."

Her tone did not allow his misgiving. She was nothing to him—never could be—but he should not like to see her throw herself away on a single-eyed man.

"Let us talk about something else," he said, "What were you reading?" He picked the book up.

"Yes, Rossetti, but please don't let us talk about poetry; it would be too dreadful with you."

"A stranger would certainly know we were cousins," he said, "It has been thought by some people that I possessed a fairly good acquaintance with the work of the English poets."

"Really said Miss Drillingham, 'but it was not the extent of your reading I doubted, it was your opinion on it.'"

"We seem unhappy in our choice of subjects this afternoon, don't we? How about dogs?"

"She was undeniably aggravating, and today of all others, when he had been anxious to carry away a last pleasant impression."

"If you'll excuse me," he observed, "I'll go out to the kennel and look at them. All love me."

At the latter manner had altered. She was radiant and as if to amend. He had never found his uncle so drooping. He contemplated her rapidly. The dress she was wearing was new to him, and he thought how admirably it became her. A little spot of color burned in either cheek, and her eyes were brilliant. He marvelled that Drillingham did not think it strange for him to be leaving her this evening. What man, having the right to stay, could have parted from her thus? How interminable the meal was! Would it last forever, or would he have a chance of a word alone with her before the dogcart came round?

"I'll go and see to my traps, sir," he said, "I'm sorry I haven't much time to lose."

Drillingham bowed indulgently. He also had been in love more than once. In fact, it had been said of him that his love affairs were the only ones he had ever prosecuted with any energy.

He was leaning over the balcony when Hopetoun joined her. Her pale dress and her husband, the late Robert H. G. Dyson, dated July 18, 1894, and died with the register.

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